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SUBJECT: HSWP SEEKS TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC  
PARTIES

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1. SUMMARY: IN A SIGNIFICANT OUTWARD LOOKING MOVE  
HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY (HSWP) DECLARED ITS  
INTENTION TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH THE PARTIES OF THE SOCIAL  
DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT BY MEANS OF AN IMPORTANT ARTICLE PUBLISHED  
IN THE PARTY PAPER, NEPSZABADSAG. THIS STEP TAKES ON ADDED  
SIGNIFICANCE IN THE AFTERMATH OF WILLY BRANDT'S VISIT  
TO BUDAPEST. END SUMMARY

2. ARTICLE ENTITLED SOCIAL DEMOCRACY AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, BY JANOS BEREZ, HEAD OF HSWP CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT APPEARED IN NEPSZABADSAG APRIL 19, 1978. IT WAS BASED ON EARLIER SPEECH BY BEREZ TO HSWP POLITICAL ACADEMY.

3. BEREZ FIRST RELATED EARLY SPLIT BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND SOVIALIST MOVEMENTS FOR WHICH HE BLAMED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC REFORMISM. HE WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT DESPITE INSOLUBLE CONFLICT BETWEEN MARXIST-LENINISM AND REFORMISM, COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO GREAT TRENDS OF WORKERS' MOVEMENT COULD CHECK ARMS RACE, AND PROMOTE DETENTE.

4. BEREZ SAID THAT UNDER PRESSURE OF CAPITALIST ECONOMIC CRISIS SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE DIVIDING INTO ANTI-COMMUNIST RIGHT WINGS, MODERATES AND THOSE WHO WOULD ALLY THEMSELVES WITH COMMUNIST. (PRESUMABLY GIVING HSWP AND OTHER CP'S GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP BENEFICIAL RELATIONS). BEREZ ALSO CITED BERLIN CONFERENCE AS JUSTIFYING EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

5. BESIDES GENERAL POSSIBILITY OF PROMOTING DETENTE, BEREZ LISTED FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINT ACTION BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS: IN CSCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTEXT, WHERE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT POLITICIANS CAN MODERATE "EXTREMIST CAMPAIGNS" AGAINST SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND PREPARE FOR SUCCESSFUL WORK AT THE NEXT CSCE MEETING IN MADRID; IN FAVORING MILITARY DETENTE AND OPPOSING THE NEUTRON BOMB; IN FIGHTING FASCISM AND TERRORISM; IN PROTECTING REAL RIGHTS OF WORKING PEOPLE; AND IN SUPPORTING NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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6. ON SPECIAL QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH PARTICULAR  
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, BEREZ NOTED OFFICIAL AND  
LONG-STANDING RELATIONS WITH SD'S IN FINLAND, BELGIUM  
AND ITALY (PSI). HE DESCRIBED CONTACTS WITH FRENCH,  
DUTCH AND DANISH SD'S AS RECENT AND WITH BRITISH LABOR,  
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NORWEGIAN LABOR AND SWEDISH SD'S AS BEGINNING. PRIDE  
OF PLACE WAS GIVEN TO CONTACTS WITH GERMAN SPD. BEREZ  
DESCRIBED THESE AS PARTICULARLY USEFUL; IN EARLIER YEARS  
THEY HELPED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
BETWEEN HUNGARY AND FRG. BEREZ CHARACTERIZED WILLY  
BRANDT'S VISIT IN LATE MARCH OF THIS YEAR AS "AN  
IMPORTANT POLITICAL EVENT WHICH EXCITED GREAT INTEREST  
IN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION." (BRANDT  
VISITED HUNGARY IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF SPD.)

7. BEREZ CONCLUDED STATING DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS  
WITH SD'S SIMULTANEOUSLY SERVES VITAL INTERESTS OF

HSWP, HUNGARY, WORLD SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, THE  
INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS, AND ALL PROGRESSIVE  
HUMANITY.

8. COMMENT. MUCH MORE INTERESTING THAN WHAT BERECH  
SAID WAS THE FACT THAT HE SAID IT; THE FACT THAT THE  
HSWP IS ADVOCATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TIES WITH SOCIAL  
DEMOCRATS. IT IS CLEAR BERECH IS TALKING ABOUT A NEW  
POLICY DEPARTURE WHICH IS ALREADY UNDERWAY (BRANDT  
VISIT AND SOME PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WHICH WERE MADE  
LAST YEAR; FOR EXAMPLE, HSWP DELEGATION VISIT TO BELGIAN  
SOCIALIST PARTY IN MAY 1977). THESE EFFORTS ARE OF A  
PIECE WITH HUNGARY'S EFFORTS TO EXPAND ITS RELATIONS  
WITH WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND MAINTAIN CORDIAL  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES.  
RELATIONS WITH SPD WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO BE THE  
CENTERPIECE OF THESE EFFORTS GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF FRG  
TO HUNGARY AND SPD RECEPTIVITY. THAT RELATIONSHIP APT  
TO BE MORE REWARDING AND LESS COMPLICATED THAN ANY  
RELATIONSHIPS HSWP MAY CULTIVATE WITH SOCIALIST PARTIES  
ENGAGED IN COMPLEX MULTI-PARTY POLITICS OF COUNTRIES  
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LIKE FRANCE, ITALY AND SPAIN, WHO ALL, OF COURSE, HAVE  
STRONG COMMUNIST PARTIES.  
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